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## **NEWS RELEASE**

## CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST "ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT" PROMOTER

December 28, 2005. Provo, Utah . . . . Francine A. Giani, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce announced that Janelle Moore Garner, of Ogden, Utah today was charged with six felony counts of securities violations in Utah County. The charges include selling unregistered securities, violating a cease and desist order, racketeering, and three counts of securities fraud.

Garner owns and operates the Attitude Adjustment Factory, a Utah company that says it teaches mental tools that nurture positive interaction between parents and children. In 2001, Garner solicited an investor for her company which resulted in the Division of Securities ordering her to cease and desist selling unregistered securities and failing to disclose unpaid judgments that had been entered against her. Despite the existence of the cease and desist order, Garner continued soliciting investments for her company, selling "convertible promissory notes" totaling \$4,000. According to the criminal charges, Garner did not disclose to investors the prior unpaid judgments against her, inform them that prior investors had not been repaid, or disclose the risks of the investment. She also falsely told investors that an educational program developed by her company had been approved by the Utah Board of Education.

Garner will be arraigned within the next few weeks and a trial date set. If convicted, she could be sentenced to up to 15 years and ordered to pay restitution.

*Note: Defendants are presumed innocent until the trial has concluded.*